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Subject: Burn Ban

Burn Ban goes into effect August 10, 2016 for Brazoria County

At the request of Brazoria County Emergency Management, Commissioner's Court issued a 90-day burn ban for the unincorporated areas of Brazoria County. This ban is effective August 10, 2016 and prohibits outdoor burning as ordered by Brazoria County Commissioners Court. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) for Brazoria County on August 9 is 615 and continues to rise making the next 14 day projection to reach 698. Once the KBDI reaches within the 600-800 range, it is often associated with severe drought with an increase concern of wildfires.

A violation of this burn ban order includes burning any combustible material outside of an enclosure serving to contain all flames and/or sparks, or order such burning by others. Contained BBQ grills are permitted, but open flame pits are not. Any violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine.

If weather conditions improve for safe outdoor burning before the 90-days, which means a KBDI below 400 for five consecutive days, County Judge Matt Sebesta may authorize the burn ban lifted. Please refer to the Brazoria County website for more information and updates concerning the burn ban at <http://www.brazoriacountytx.gov>.